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STATEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.27, attached hereto is a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status -- Independent Inventor which has been executed by the Assignee(s) of the entire interest.

It is respectfully requested that Applicant be granted the benefit of the Small Entity Status and that receipt of this status document be acknowledged in due course.

Respectfully submitted

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